

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image transfer apparatus, comprising:

a housing;

a transfer engine, within said housing, for transferring an image to a
5 transfer medium when said transfer medium is located at a transfer position; and

a transfer medium registration system, coupled to said transfer engine, for
positioning a pad including a plurality of transfer media releasably secured to one
another, wherein said transfer registration system locates one of said transfer media at
said transfer position.
- 10 2. The image transfer apparatus of claim 1 wherein said transfer
engine includes an electrostatic transfer system.
3. The image transfer apparatus of claim 1 wherein said transfer
engine includes an ink ejection system.
- 15 4. The image transfer apparatus of claim 1 wherein said transfer
engine include a thermal transfer system.
5. The image transfer apparatus of claim 1 wherein said transfer
medium registration system includes a cartridge for storing said pad.
6. The image transfer apparatus of claim 5 wherein said cartridge
adapts a plurality of pads having differing cross-sectional areas to said transfer
20 registration system.
7. The image transfer apparatus of claim 1 wherein said one of said
transfer media is a top-most transfer media of said pad.
8. The image transfer apparatus of claim 1 wherein said one of said
transfer media is a bottom-most transfer media of said pad.

9. The image transfer apparatus of claim 1 wherein said plurality of transfer media are secured using a semi-tacky adhesive disposed between successive edges of said plurality of transfer media.

10. The image transfer apparatus of claim 1 wherein said plurality of transfer media are secured using an adhesive adhered to a plurality of side edges of said plurality of transfer media.

11. The image transfer apparatus of claim 1 wherein said image transfer engine includes a replaceable cartridge containing a transfer medium for said transfer engine.

12. The image transfer apparatus of claim 11 wherein said transfer engine includes an aperture for controllably ejecting ink and said cartridge contains said ink.

13. The image transfer apparatus of claim 1 wherein said transfer registration system includes a media stripper for removing said located one transfer medium from said pad.

14. The image transfer apparatus of claim 13 wherein said transfer registration system ejects said removed transfer medium from said housing.

15. The image transfer apparatus of claim 1 wherein said transfer image is a printer.

16. A transferring method, the method comprising:

positioning a pad at a transfer position of a transfer engine, said pad including a plurality of transfer media releasably secured to one another; and

transferring an image to one of said transfer media positioned at said transfer position.

17. The transferring method of claim 16 wherein said one of said transfer media is releasably secured to said pad when said image is transferred.

18. The transferring method of claim 16 wherein said one of said transfer media is detached from said pad when said image is transferred.

5 19. An image transfer apparatus, comprising:

means for positioning a pad at a transfer position of a transfer engine, said pad including a plurality of transfer media releasably secured to one another; and

means, coupled to said positioning means, for transferring an image to one of said transfer media positioned at said transfer position.